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SUBJECT: ROC PAPER REPORTS SEMI-REITREMENT OF CHOU

1. IN "FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH DEPARTMENT", KMT-OWNED CHUNG YANG JIH PAO ARTICLE APRIL 17 CLAIMED THAT ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FROM MAINLAND SOURCES, CHOU EN-LAI HAD REQUESTED RETIREMENT IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR AND, WITH APPROVAL OF MAO, TENG HSIAO-PING HAD TAKEN OVER FOREIGN POLICY AND ECONOMIC PRODUCTION AFFAIRS IN ORDER TO "SHARE CHOU'S WORKLOAD" AND PERMIT HIM TO SEMI-RETIRE. CHOU'S REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED BOTH ORALLY AND IN WRITING TO MAO AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE BECAUSE POOR HEALTH PREVENTED HIM FROM CARRYING OUT MAJOR TASKS.

2. ARTICLE WENT ON TO STATE THAT AT FEBRUARY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING ON THE PROMOTION OF THE ANTI-LIN, ANTI-CONFUCIUS MOVEMENT, TENG LAID DOWN EIGHT CONDITIONS

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INCLUDING NO ATTACK ON INDIVIDUALS BY NAME, NO PRODUCTION

HALTS AND NO ARMED STRUGGLES. MOVEMENT INSTEAD WAS TO
CONCENTRATE ON THEORETICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL CRITICISM.
SINCE THEN ALL ANTI-LIN, ANTI-CONFUCIUS MEETINGS HAVE
BEEN INFORMED OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND THIS HAS ENABLED
CHOU TO TEMPORARILY AVOID INVOLVEMENT IN THE STRUGGLE.
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